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For: NUCLEIC ACID BINDING ENHANCEMENT BY CONJUGATION WITH

NUCLEOTIDES, NUCLEOSIDES, BASES AND/OR THEIR ANALOGUES

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.